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SUBJECT: NORWEGIANS WILL IMPLEMENT NORTH KOREA RESOLUTIONS

REF: A. STATE 65483
[1](#)B. STATE 66250

Classified By: Political Counselor Kristen Bauer for reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarches to Jo Hovik, Senior Advisor in the MFA Legal Section. Hovik said that UNSCR 1718 was already fully implemented into Norwegian law, and UNSCR 1874 is being worked on by the MFA in concert with other ministries. Norway has a law which automatically incorporates all UN Security Council Resolutions into Norwegian law, and this mechanism allows the vast majority of provisions to be incorporated without parliamentary approval. Hovik said 1874 must be implemented by 45 days after June 12, when a report must be made to the UN, and Norway fully believes it will meet this deadline.

[1](#)2. (C) In response to our specific talking points on reftel (A), Hovik said that there were already Norwegian laws strictly governing any sales to or from North Korea. The ship bunkering provisions we specifically emphasized have yet to be implemented, however, and Norway expects to engage in interministerial consultations in order to determine how this will be achieved.

[1](#)3. (C) Hovik said that with respect to financial transactions (reftel B), he would forward the Treasury Advisory to the Ministry of Finance, which would "most probably" forward it to financial institutions in the country, on an informational basis, as other similar advisories have been sent in the past in the context of terrorist financing. As for the "enhanced due diligence" request connected to 1874, Hovik said that he doubted that the text of Article 18 of the resolution would provide the legal basis for the Norwegian government to impose legal consequences for a failure in this regard, but the Ministry of Finance was likely to again recommend high levels of due diligence to financial institutions.
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